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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT NO. 7 INFLUENZA TASK FORCE

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1,124 H1N1 INFLUENZA CASES REPORTED IN 21 COUNTRIES

1. (SBU) The WHO confirms a case was identified in Portugal. (Task Force/HHS telcon)

2. (SBU) Mexican Health Minister Cordova announced 866 confirmed cases without any additional fatalities. (Task Force/Embassy Mexico City telcon)

3. (SBU) Embassy Mexico City confirmed one U.S. citizen, an eligible family member, with H1N1 and an additional probable case within the Embassy community. (Task Force/Embassy Mexico City telcon)

EXPERTS DISCUSS H1N1; PAHO PRIORITIZES ANTI-VIRAL NEEDS

4. (U) The WHO's scientific committee convened more than 150 experts by teleconference to exchange information concerning H1N1. (Reuters)

5. (SBU) The Pan-American Health Organization

identified Bolivia, Cuba, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico and Nicaragua as priority countries for distribution of anti-virals. (Task Force/HHS telcon)

THREE U.S. CITIZENS REMAIN QUARANTINED IN CHINA, UAE  
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¶6. (SBU) One citizen remained quarantined in Beijing and another in Zhejiang province. Two citizens held for observation in Guangzhou and Shenzhen provinces were released May 4. (Beijing 1197)

¶7. (SBU) One citizen in Abu Dhabi will remain under quarantine until at least May 9 with suspected H1N1. (Abu Dhabi 435)

EU HEALTH COMMISSIONER AFFIRMS TRAVEL BANS NOT JUSTIFIED  
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¶8. (SBU) European Commissioner for Health Vassiliou told an EU parliament plenary session that EU Health Council members had agreed April 30 that restricting travel to H1N1 affected areas was not a justified response, according to USEU Brussels. Post notes the calm nature of Vassiliou's speech reflects a more sober tone taken by European media in reporting on H1N1. (Task Force/USEU e-mail)

¶9. (U) Minimize considered.  
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